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South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003,

Taking note of the Marrakesh Declaration and the Marrakesh Framework for the Implementation of South-South Cooperation, adopted at the High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation, held at Marrakesh, Morocco from 16 to 19 December 2003,

Taking note also of the Doha Declaration[1] and the Doha Plan of Action,[2] adopted at the Second South Summit, held at Doha from 12 to 16 June 2005,

Recalling the development section of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[3]

1. *Welcomes* the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its fourteenth session[4] and endorses the decisions taken at that session;[5]

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;[6]

3. *Stresses* that South-South cooperation, as an important element of international cooperation for development, offers viable opportunities for

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/60/111, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution 60/1.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 39* (A/60/39).

[5] Ibid., Sect. I.

[6] A/60/257.

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developing countries in their individual and collective pursuit of sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

4. *Also stresses* that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for but rather a complement to North-South cooperation, and in this context reiterates the need for the international community to support the efforts of the developing countries to expand South-South cooperation;

5. *Recognizes* that regional integration initiatives between developing countries constitute an important and valuable form of South-South cooperation and that regional integration is a step towards beneficial integration into the world economy;

6. *Welcomes* the initiatives being undertaken at the subregional, regional, interregional and global levels towards establishing public-private partnership mechanisms aiming to enhance and expand South-South cooperation in trade and investment;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the launching of the third round of negotiations on the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries as an important instrument to stimulate South-South cooperation;

8. *Recognizes* the considerable contribution of South-South cooperation arrangements which promote development activities in developing countries;

9. *Also recognizes* the importance of initiatives and arrangements, including public-private mechanisms, to undertake efforts to enhance cooperation between developing countries, including, inter alia, in the areas of information and communication technologies, science and technology, culture, health and education;

10. *Welcomes* the contribution made by developing countries to countries and peoples stricken by natural disasters, including through the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation within the framework for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of countries affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster and the South Fund for Development and Humanitarian Assistance;

11. *Welcomes* the initiatives contained in the Doha Plan of Action[2] adopted by the Second South Summit held at Doha from 12 to 16 June 2005;

12. *Urges* all relevant United Nations organizations and multilateral institutions to intensify their efforts to effectively mainstream the use of South-South cooperation in the design, formulation and implementation of their regular programmes and to consider increasing allocations of human, technical and financial resources for supporting South-South cooperation initiatives, and in this regard takes note of the initiatives contained in the Havana Programme of Action adopted by the first South Summit,[7] the Marrakesh Framework for the Implementation on South-South Cooperation and the Doha Plan of Action;

13. *Encourages* the international community, including the international financial institutions, to support the efforts of developing countries, inter alia, through triangular cooperation;

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[7] A/55/74, annex II.

14. *Stresses* the importance of support to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in its work to encourage scientific/technological capacity-building among developing countries;

15. *Invites* countries in a position to do so to contribute to the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation and the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries through regular contributions at the annual United Nations pledging conference in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 57/263 of 20 December 2002 and 58/220;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to rename the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation, which was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/119 of 20 December 1995, as the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation and to designate it as the main multilateral funding mechanism for promoting and supporting South-South and triangular initiatives;

17. *Urges* the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to explore and undertake intensive, innovative and additional resource mobilization initiatives to attract more resources, both financial and in-kind, to supplement regular resources and other funds for activities involving South-South cooperation;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultations with Member States, to take concrete measures to further strengthen the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, so as to enable it to carry out its full responsibilities, in particular through the mobilization of resources for the advancement of South-South cooperation including through triangular cooperation;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session a sub-item entitled "South-South cooperation for development", and requests the Secretary-General to submit at that session a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation and on the implementation of the present resolution.